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Stanlee Gatti's "21POP" installation was a hit at last year's fair.

FOG Design + Art Fair rolls into town

Art fairs are terrible places to look at art. They are a drain on the galleries, and booths are generally too small to show a contextual selection of individual artists' works. Worse, flashy is the winner over intelligent every time when seen from the crowded aisles of a big contemporary art fair.

And yet nowhere else can you find the excitement a good fair generates. It's a chance to meet dealers from across the Bay Area and the U.S. in one place, and to learn what they think is happening today.

The roster for this year's FOG Design + Art Fair includes more than 40 top-notch galleries, a reprise of last year's fun Stanlee Gatti pop-up, food service provided by Cotogna and Jane restaurants, and a great lineup of talks and panel discussions.

— *Charles Desmarais*

FOG Design + Art Fair: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 14-15; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. \$20-\$25. Fort Mason Center for Arts and Culture, Festival Pavilion, 2 Marina Blvd., S.F. (415) 551-5190. www.fogfair.com.